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Meijer, the Grand Rapids-based retailer known for its supercenters across the Midwest and Southfiled-based developer Redico Holdings LLC have filed a lawsuit against Plymouth Township seeking to overturn a decision of the township planning commission.

The lawsuit, filed Aug. 9 in in Wayne County Circuit Court, claims that the plans for a new super-center and gas station at Five Mile Road west of Beck Road in the township is permitted by special land use, "subject to meeting standards set by the township zoning ordinance and is consistent with the Township's 2015 Master Plan and Future Land Use Map."

Members of the planning commission denied the special land use request from Meijer by a 5-1 vote at their meeting June 21. Plans included a 159,000 square foot Meijer, a nature center, gas station and convenience store on a 21-acre parcel at Five Mile Road, west of Beck Road.

Residents from Plymouth and Northville voiced their objections to the project during the June 21 meeting. Several cited the inconvenience and heavy traffic conditions already in the area.

The lawsuit claims, however, that the plans for the new store were reviewed by planning consultants, engineers, fire department and traffic consultants for the township. The court documents claim that none of the professionals objected to the special land use request or the traffic impact studies. Meijer agreed to road improvements suggested in connection with the project, according to the court filings.

The lawsuit requests the court to reverse the decision of the planning commission and find "the township's denial of the special use request constituted an arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable decision, was not based upon proper procedure, was not supported by competent, substantial and material evidence on the record, and/or violated applicable law policy."

Meijer is also asking the court for an order protecting the development from interference by the township in the development of the property. In addition, the complaint also asks the court to award Meijer legal fees associated with filing the lawsuit.

Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said it was not the policy of the township to comment on any pending litigation. He said the board of trustees would review the lawsuit and decide on a course of action.

On the green

Romulus Community Schools went straight to the green during the Birdies 4 Eagles golf fundraising event last week at Gateway Golf Club. Before players teed off, State Sen. Darrin Camilleri presented Superintendent of Schools Dr. Benjamin P. Edmondson with a check for $1.6 million to be used to reinvigorate and reinvest in career and technical training programs at Romulus High School. Camilleri was instrumental in securing the funding for the schools as the chair of the Michigan Education Committee which authorized the grant funds. On hand to congratulate the schools were Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight and several school and city officials. Photo by rober Kadau.

Canton Township Police arrest 7 in vehicle theft ring

Police from Canton Township, Northville Township, Novi, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield and Oakland County arrested seven people last Tuesday in connection with the theft of 16 new Ford Bronco Raptors valued at a combined $1,760,000. from a factory lot in Canton Township and locations in Dearborn and Woodhaven.

Officers from the Canton Township Police Department Special Operations Group began the investigation in October 2022, following reports of the thefts from a Ford lot in the township. During the investigation, officers discovered related Bronco thefts from locations in Dearborn and Woodhaven. The Canton investigation resulted in the recovery of 10 stolen Ford Bronco Raptors from locations in Northville, Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, Texas, Arizona and Alaska. Police also recovered five additional stolen vehicles which were models other than Broncos, an AR pistol, and $28,426 in suspected cash proceeds from the sale of stolen vehicles.

The seven suspects were arraigned on various felony charges before Judge James Plakas at the 35th District Court last Wednesday.

Charged were Miguel Santiago, 19, of Troy, who is charged with conducting a criminal enterprise and nine counts of receiving and concealing stolen property worth $20,000 or more.

Also charged was Oliaran Pernell, 20, of Detroit, who also faces charges of conducting a criminal enterprise and 10 counts of receiving and concealing stolen property worth $20,000 or more.

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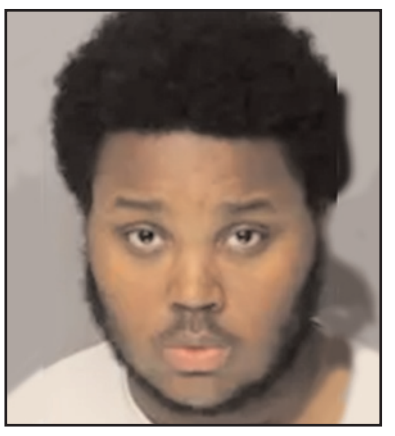
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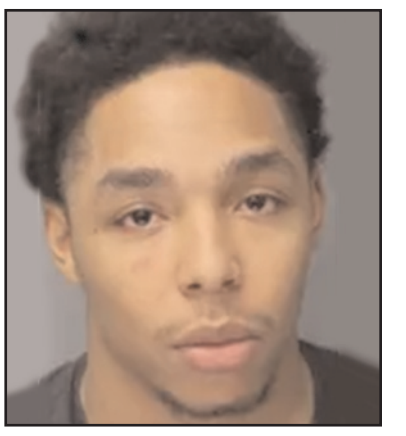
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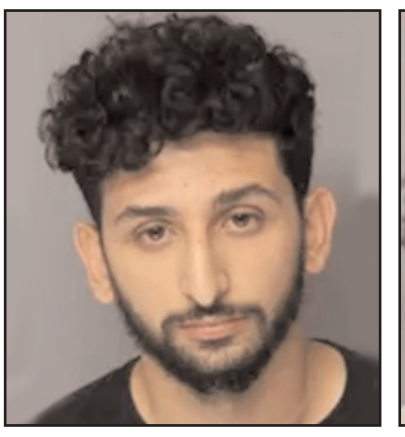
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Inkster - Wayne

Judge rules lawsuit against city will move on to trial

A federal judge has denied a motion to dismiss the lawsuit filed against the City of Wayne, Police Chief Ryan Strong, Police Lt. Finley Carter and City Manager Lisa Nocerini.

In the ruling issued Aug 16, Judge Shalina D. Kumar found merit in the charges of Wayne resident Mark Blackwell who claims police were instrumental in having him falsely charged with misdemeanor offenses of stalking and disturbing the peace. He was subsequently cleared of all charges in district court. His attorney alleges that Blackwell was charged with the crimes as retaliation for his public criticism of Nocerini and that both his First and Fourteenth Amendment rights were violated by the defendants.

The latest court ruling denies the city request for a summary judgment. In the ruling, the judge noted that as Blackwell had already agreed to drop two of his claims, she would automatically grant the motion to dismiss those charges. The claim of First Amendment retaliatory persecution and municipal liability against the city, however, were granted. Those allegations will now move forward through the court system to trial.

Attorneys for both the city and Blackwell argued their case in a hearing July 12. Blackwell claims that following a 2018 independent investigation into Nocerini's unusual activity in city hall he was critical of her conduct during the public comment portion of Wayne City Council meetings. The report concluded with a recommendation that Nocerini be disciplined and or terminated. Blackwell admits he was vocal regarding the findings during the January 2019 meeting and advocated Nocerini's termination. Blackwell repeatedly urged the council to take note of the resignations of four city officials including the police chief and personnel director during Nocerini's employment.

Blackwell claims that following his public comments, Nocerini asked newly-appointed acting Police Chief Ryan Strong to pursue criminal charges against him. She charged Blackwell was stalking her by driving down Wayne Road two cars behind her, taking photos of her at a public meeting and gathering with others in the parking lot of city hall following meetings of the city council.

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The judge assigned to rule on those charges against Blackwell found him not guilty. That judge found that Blackwell was "not doing anything out of the norm" and that "there was no alleged conduct outside of city business or outside of city property." He said stalking could not be proven because "it was not reasonable for a person to feel emotionally distressed" by Blackwell's conduct.

In the latest court opinion, the judge ruled that Blackwell had alleged enough facts to support a claim for First Amendment retaliatory prosecution against the defendants. She noted that Blackwell's outspoken condemnation of the city manager at city council meetings is "exactly the type of criticism of government and public officials that is protected by the First Amendment."

The judge also ruled that Blackwell's allegations plausibly show the defendant's retaliatory motives in filing criminal charges against him. She further determined that probable cause did not support the charges filed against Blackwell. She found the allegation that Strong only investigated and charged Blackwell "to gain Nocerini's support to become the permanent police chief" plausible.

Kumar also denied the city claim of "qualified immunity." The judge said the defendants should have known their conduct violated Blackwell's clear First Amendment rights. In addition, she denied the claim of absolute witness immunity claimed by Nocerini and Strong and said "the allegations are sufficient to establish the City's liability based on Strong's actions."

Those actions against Blackwell are included in a separate lawsuit filed by Wayne Police Ofc. Abraham Hughes who claims he achieved higher test scores than Strong when applying for the chief's position. Hughes claims in his lawsuit that Strong agreed to Nocerini's insistence on investigating and charging Blackwell in exchange for her circumventing the announced hiring procedures guaranteeing him the promotion to police chief.

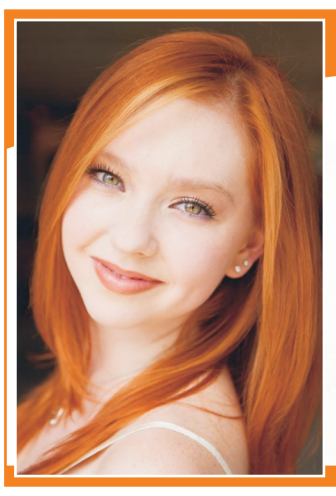
Strong and Nocerini have denied Hughes' claims and the city claims Strong received the highest test score. That lawsuit is currently in the hands of the U.S. District Court.

Unconfirmed reports on Tueday cliamed that Nocerini had resigned from her position.

City attorneys have also attempted unsuccessfully to prevent the disclosure of the independent report regarding Nocerini's conduct in both lawsuits.

Cruising the river

The first canoe trip on the Westland/Inkster section of the Lower Rouge River Water Trail included several amateur paddlers. The Summer Magic Paddle Trip was organized by MetroParks and the rescheduled Friends of the Rouge Outdoor Afro Paddle Trip was the maiden voyage on the Canton stretch of the water trail. Help in the effort was provided by Huron-Clinton Metroparks, the Inkster Task Force, Simple Adventures, National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, the City of Inkster and Wayne County Parks. Outdoor Afro, Motor City Canoe Rental Rouge River Outpost and Canton Township also provided help to ensure the water trip was a success. Friends of the Rouge members were also on hand to make sure all the paddlers were safe.



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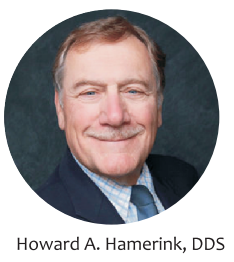

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SUMPTER - ROMULUS

Trustees seeking solutions to township recycling

There was a lot of trash talk at the Aug.8 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees.

The discussion followed a proposal of Township Manager Anthony Burdick to designate $35,000 of expected American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds to a possible recycling outlet in the township. Trustee Don LaPorte was not in favor of the proposal and suggested that it was time to ask residents if they wanted to participate in a curbside recycling program.

"We have people moving into the township," he said, "so it may be time to ask again."

Burdick said the cost of curbside recycling was about $12 to $13 per household based on research he had done.

"Did we call public hearing in 2018 on it or have a community meeting," LaPorte asked. "I think it is time to test the waters. With more people moving to the community, residents might be ready for recycling now," he said. LaPorte suggested a survey to determine what the public wanted to do.

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Burdick said his suggestion was based on current conditions of the recycling efforts in the township.

He said the community was running out of options to keep recycling where it is due to a lack of personnel. He added that it would take time to prepare and distribute a survey as LaPorte suggested. Burdick stressed that his proposal was an effort to set aside the funds and did not authorize any expenditure.

"It just like the cemetery. Not one penny gets spent until approved by the board," he said. Burdick suggested the funding might be used in building a corral for a recycling effort with proper signage advising residents that illegal dumping carried a $500 fine for the first offense. He suggested that a $1,800 video surveillance system could be installed to ensure no illegal dumping took place.

LaPorte said he would like to see the board have more options than "moving the 200 yards up the road."

Trustee Matt Oddy suggested the option of allowing township residents to dump recycling at the landfill or a combined recycling effort with other communities to lower the cost of the service, and agreed with LaPorte that a survey of residents would be helpful.

One township resident told the board that she moved to the township in 2021 and had never before lived anywhere that didn't pick up recycling. "Residents don't deserve a choice," she said. We are in a time of environmental crisis and in 30 or 40 years the oceans may not be there. Trash is taking over. This is not the 1800s," she said and urged the board to move forward with a recycling plan.

Township Supervisor Tim Bowman and LaPorte cast the two no votes on the proposed transfer of funds. Trustee Peggy Morgan did not attend the meeting.

Response to stalking complaint leads to weapons charges

The report of a suspicious vehicle resulted in the arrest of a 28-year-old man and the confiscation of loaded weapons and nearly 300 rounds of ammunition by Romulus police officers last week.

Officers were dispatched to the area of Harrison and Eureka Road in the city following the report of the vehicle which was parked near the home of a stalking victim. Police said the victim feared the man had violated the current personal protection order issued against him.

When Romulus officers arrived on the scene which was a short distance from the stalking victim's home, the man jumped from the vehicle and refused to obey officers' commands. He physically resisted officers at the scene before being subdued and arrested, according to police reports.

Police discovered the man also had an outstanding warrant from another jurisdiction and when searching his vehicle found two loaded, uncased weapons along with almost 300 rounds of ammunition. One weapon was on the passenger seat of the vehicle and the other easily accessible behind the passenger seat, according to police reports of the incident.

The suspect, who had not been arraigned at press time, was remanded by Romulus police to the Wayne County Jail. He has been charged with two counts of carrying a concealed weapon, two counts of resisting/obstructing officers and one count of aggravated stalking.

Police praised the actions of the officers and said it "doesn't take much imagination to know that this story could have ended very differently" in a post on the Romulus Police Facebook page.

Loaded weapons and nearly 300 rounds of ammunition were discovered during the arrest of a stalking suspect in Romulus last week.

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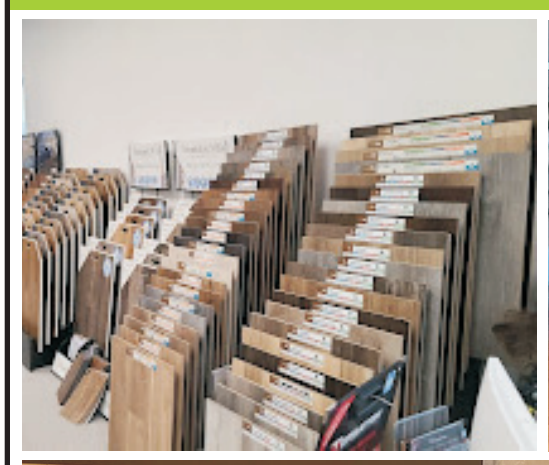
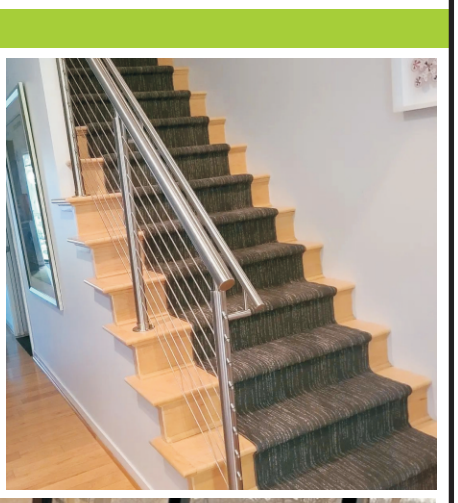

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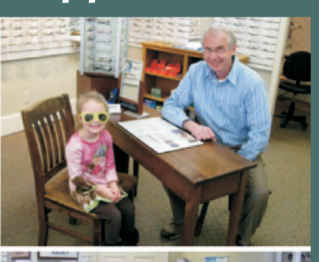

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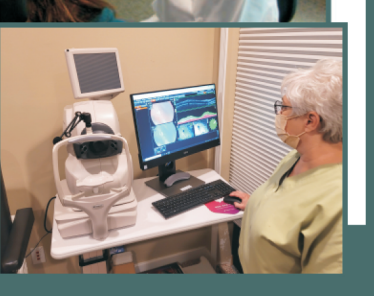

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Canton - Westland

Canton Township resident wins $30,000 scholarship

Jacob Weber, 19, a Canton Township resident, has been named as the recipient of the 2023 Disabled American Veterans (DAV) top $30,000 scholarship.

Weber was recognized during the 2023 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention in Atlantic City Aug. 5. The DAV scholarships honor 10 students each year for their volunteer support of veterans through the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Program and through the DAV Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP).

> *Weber is a 2022 graduate of Salem High School in Canton and recently finished his freshman year at Michigan State University.*

Weber is a 2022 graduate of Salem High School in Canton and recently finished his freshman year at Michigan State University. Five years ago, he started Treats for Troops, distributing candy to veterans at the VA medical center in Ann Arbor. That project led him to start, among other volunteer initiatives, Stockings for Soldiers and Cards That Care, distributing care packages and letters to veterans at the VA medical center. He recruited classmates to help and mentored others to continue the projects in his absence.

"Volunteering has opened my eyes to the world around me," said Weber. "[It has] brought me joy, gave me a sense of accomplishment and helped me express my gratitude."

He said the scholarship will help him continue pursuing his degree in supply chain management.

"Serving veterans is at the heart of what DAV does, and our scholarship winners are great examples of our organization's values," said DAV National Commander Joe Parsetich. "By giving of their time and energy, each of these students has made a significant impact in the lives of veterans in their communities. We are proud to recognize their efforts and are excited to watch the bright futures of these leaders unfold."

Jacob Weber

Capital work

Staff members from the Westland Department of Public Service (DPS) are still working on the city Capital Improvement Program to improve neighborhood streets. Last week, work was completed on Palmer Road between Hambleton and Schuman with the milling of existing deteriorated pavement and resurfacing with new asphalt. To date, crews have resurfaced the deteriorating areas of Hanlon, Sheridan, Rosslyn and Barton avenues along with work on Marie, North Hampton and Monmouth. DPS officials thanked local residents for their patience in dealing with the "short-term inconvenience for much-needed, long-term improvements" to neighborhood streets.

Arrests

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cealing stolen property worth $20,000 or more.

Julian Lyles, 19, of Detroit, is charged with conducting a criminal enterprise and eight counts of receiving and concealing stolen property worth $20,000 or more.

Bond for Santiago, Pernell, Rashed, and Lyles was set at $100,000 or 10 percent with home confinement and a GPS tether.

Dominick Dumont, 19, of Northville, was charged with conducting a criminal enterprise and one count of receiving and concealing stolen property worth $20,000 or more. His bond was set at $50,000 with a home confinement tether.

Abdulfattah Hamed, 21, of Van Buren Township, is charged with one count of receiving and concealing stolen property worth $20,000 or more. His bond was set at $10,000 with a home confinement tether.

Janisse Moss, 19, of Lincoln Park, is charged with conducting a criminal enterprise and 10 counts of receiving and concealing stolen property worth $20,000 or more. Her bond was set at $1 million with a GPS tether.

Conducting a criminal enterprise is a 20-year felony and receiving and concealing stolen property worth $20,000 or more is a 10-year felony. The next court date for all seven suspects is scheduled for Aug. 25.

"We applaud the outstanding efforts of our police officers and partners in ensuring community safety," said Canton Police Chief Chad Baugh. "Their dedication and collaborative investigations underscore our commitment to our citizens. Our sincere appreciation goes to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office and our policing partners for their unwavering commitment to service."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 7, 2023, for the following:

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Bid may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@cantonmi.gov. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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PLYMOUTH

Tax debt imperils fate of beloved Penn Theatre

The final curtain could fall at the iconic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth without some relief from current property taxes.

Ellen Elliott, executive director of the Friends of the Penn, told an assembled crowd last week that the theater is in jeopardy without tax relief from the city. The application for a tax exemption for the iconic theater was denied by the Plymouth assessor and there has been no response to an appeal filed with the city board of review. The application for tax exemption has now been filed with the Michigan Tax Tribunal, Elliott said, but she has been informed that decision could take up to three years. The Penn simply does not have that long, she said.

During the meeting last week, Elliott explained that the theater has been paying the $25,000 tax bill annually since the non-profit Friends of the Penn leased the building and assumed operations about 20 years ago. The Friends of the Penn took full ownership in December of 2021, Elliott said, and as a nonprofit charitable organization is eligible for a full property tax exemption. She stressed that 16 other nonprofit theaters in Michigan currently enjoy the exact exemption being sought for the Penn.

Elliott said the group has been given no reason for the denial of the tax exemption which, according to Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock was based on a deficiency in one of the requirements in the application. Sincock said he would not comment on the issue since litigation is pending and referred to the property tax law regulations of the Michigan General Property Tax Law. He said tax exempt status is not automatic and any question is referred to the tax tribunal.

Elliott responded that the Penn "checks every box" of criteria for tax-exemption as detailed in a 2006 Michigan Supreme Court decision ruling that a taxpayer must be a nonprofit institution to qualify as a charitable institution for the property tax exemption. The ruling lays out six criteria to be considered when evaluating exemption status.

Elliott said the situation has reached a "level of ridiculousness" as no reason for the denial has been provided by the assessor, city officials, the attorneys for the city or anyone else involved in the situation. She said a Freedom of Information Act request for the information was filed with the city July 6 but has gone unfulfilled.

Elliott explained that with the serious drop in attendance at the theater following COVID, the Friends of the Penn will need to use any money generated from fundraisers to pay the tax levy. At the current level of ticket sales and donations, there would be no funding available for programming or building maintenance, she said.

"It's an old building, built in 1941, and needs a lot of attention. Anything that detracts from what we need to do with the building puts it in jeopardy," she said. She reminded the assembled group that the Penn is an "irreplaceable asset in our town" that was saved from destruction by the intervention of a group of local investors responding to the public outcry to save the building. Since then, donations from the community have funded nearly $1 million in improvements at the theater, she said.

"We need some help. We want the community to come forward and let them (city officials) know how important this is," Elliott said.

She urged residents to attend the 7 p.m. Aug. 21 meeting of the city commission, to voice their concerns and reinforce the importance of the Penn as an asset of the entire community and an important part of the city.

The outcome of that meeting was not known at press time.

Young author Scarlett Powers, 8, and her mother, Candace, are looking forward to the Rotary Chicken Barbeque in Plymouth set for Sunday, Sept. 10.

Rotary barbeque inspires young author

Even adults are impressed with the effort it takes to cook 10,000 chicken dinners in one afternoon, but the Plymouth Fall Festival Rotary Chicken Barbeque left one 7-year-old awestruck last year.

Scarlett Powers, now 8, went to the barbeque for the first time last year with her mother, Candace, a Plymouth Noon Rotary Club member who was volunteering at the event. After seeing her mother and the hundreds of other volunteers in action, Scarlett knew she had found the topic for a homework assignment at her second-grade class at Farrand Elementary School.

Scarlett wrote and illustrated a three-page booklet about the barbecue which was then bound into a family keepsake. In the pages, the young author detailed the excitement and fun at the barbecue and how much she enjoyed the "delicious" chicken.

She said she will absolutely be back for chicken during the Fall Festival this year set for Sept. 8, 9 and 10, although her mother isn't sure she will be able to volunteer due to a scheduling issue.

"I've been a Rotary Club member for about 5 years, but we moved to Plymouth about a year ago," Candace Powers said. The mother of three daughters, now 10, 8 and 6, is employed with Lake Credit Union in Plymouth. "They are all looking forward to the chicken dinners," she said. "Especially Scarlett."

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Northville

On a roll

The first community bike ride in Northville Township drew a large crowd to Maybury State Park last week, officials said. Four participants won new bikes during the event which also provided helmet fittings, giveaways, safety and bike demonstrations and other attractions. The ride was a cooperative effort of the Northville Township Police Bike Patrol, Northville Township Fire and EMS, Trinity Health, Maybury State Park, and the Friends of Maybury State Park. Organizers said the ride next year will be during May, which is National Bike Safety Month.

Gateway project at Northville Ford Field approved by council

Ford Field in Northville may soon become far more accessible, following approval of a gateway project by members of the city council.

Council members approved the proposal by OHM Advisors for engineering services related to a conceptual and preliminary design of the Ford Field Gateway Project during a regular meeting last month. The cost of the preliminary work is $87,500 which will be funded by a state appropriation.

The Ford Field Gateway Project includes the construction of a barrier-free entrance into Ford Field Park from Hutton Street along with a pedestrian gateway from the Northville business district located west of the park. The OHM proposal provides for conceptual designs and preliminary engineering of the entrance and includes a site inventory, soil borings, concept sketches and cost estimates for three options of the gateway, ramp/stairs, and retaining wall.

The soil borings along the embankment will confirm or negate certain design options and will ensure that the retaining walls are structurally sound, OHM representatives told the council. In June, council members approved a grant agreement with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) for $910,000 from the Congressionally Directed Spending Program of Sen. Gary Peters. This appropriation will fund construction of the Gateway Project.

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